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STEVEN HOLMES ARRESTED FOR THE STABBING DEATH OF DIAMONDE STONE IN POTTSTOWN



NORRISTOWN (Aug. 23, 2017)— Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Borough Police Chief F. Richard Drumheller announce the arrest of Steven Holmes, 54, on charges of First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder and Possessing Instruments of Crime for the killing of Diamonde Stone on July 30, 2017 in Pottstown.

At 10:32 p.m., July 30, Pottstown Police responded to the 300 block of High Street for a reported fight and found 35-year-old Stone suffering from apparent stab wounds. The victim was pronounced dead at Pottstown Memorial Hospital. The investigation revealed that Holmes' introduced a knife into the altercation.

A warrant for Holmes' arrest was issued on Aug. 1, 2017. Holmes was aware that he was wanted and fled the Pottstown area. Police found the defendant last night on Lehigh Avenue in Philadelphia and arrested him. He was arraigned by Magisterial District Judge Edward C. Kropp, Sr., and was remanded without bail to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Sept. 5, 2017 before Judge Kropp.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Christopher Daniels and Matthew Brittenberg.

Approved for release:

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